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SUBJ: ILO: CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID

1. ENCLOSED IS DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WILL SERVE AS BASIS
FOR DISCUSSION AT SECOND INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CON-
FERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID, GENEVA, JUNE 10-11.
DRAFT RESOLUTION IS SYNTHESIS OF SEPARATE ICFTU, WFTU AND

OATUU (ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY)
RESOLUTIONS ARRIVED AT AFTER TEN DAYS' INTENSE NEGOTIATING.
FEW REALLY SATISFIED WITH RESULTS SO THAT ONCE ON THE FLOOR
DRAFT RESOLUTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO ATTEMPTS TO AMEND CON-
SIDERABLY. INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FEDERATION (ITF),
KEY INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIAT IN IMPLEMENTATION
OF ANY PROPOSED SHIP AND AIRLINE BOYCOTT OF SOUTH AFRICA,
HAS SHOWN ITS DISPLEASURE BY REPORTEDLY RETURNING TO
LONDON PRIOR TO OPENING OF CONFERENCE. END LIMITED
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2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION:

BEGIN TEXT

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFERENCE FOR
ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF
INTERNATIONAL, CONTINENTAL AND NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTRES
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, HELD IN GENEVA ON 10 AND 11 JUNE 1977:

DECLARES -- ITS UNFLINCHING SUPPORT AND LASTING SOLIDARITY
WITH THE WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA AND
ZIMBABWE;

CONDEMNS -- IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE CONTINUED ARROGANCE
IN MAINTAINING WHITE SUPREMACY BY THE RACIST MINORITY
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REGIME OF VORSTER IN SOUTH AFRICA. THIS REGIME CONTINUES
TO ENHANCE ITS REPRESSIVE AND OPPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST
THE MAJORITY PEOPLE IN DEFIANCE OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION,
WHILE ACCELERATING THE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE SYSTEM OF
BANTUSTANISATION, LEADING TO MAKING THE AFRICAN MAJORITY
PEOPLE FOREIGNERS IN THEIR OWN LAND;

FURTHER CONDEMNS -- AGGRESSION BY THE RACIST REGIME AGAINST
ITS NEIGHBORING AFRICAN STATES;

CONSIDERS -- THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL
TRADE UNION CONFERENCE AGAINST APARTHEID HELD IN GENEVA IN
JUNE 1973 HAS STRENGTHENED SOLIDARITY ACTIONS BY TRADE UNION
ORGANISATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN THE INTERESTS OF
THE WORKERS AND PEOPLE SUFFERING UNDER RACIAL DIS-
CRIMINATION AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA;

NOTES -- THEREFORE, WITH SATISFACTION, THAT DURING THE LAST
FEW MONTHS ALONE NUMEROUS AFRICAN WORKERS WENT ON STRIKE IN
SOUTH AFRICA IN PROTEST AGAINST SUCH INCREASED REP-
RESSION, ATROCITIES AND DENIAL OF THE RIGHT TO FREELY
ORGANISE A DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENT MAINLY AMONG
THE BLACK WORKING POPULATION;

REJOICES -- OVER THE FALL OF THE PORTUGUESE COLONIAL EMPIRE
IN AFRICA AND THE FOUNDATION OF FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES
PURSUING AN ANTI-RACIST POLICY WHICH OPENS UP NEW PERSPECTIVES
IN THE FIGHT FOR LIBERATION IN THIS PART OF
THE AFRICAN CONTINENT;

EXPRESSES -- GREAT CONCERN THAT APARTHEID CONTINUES ITS
REPRESSIVE POLICY IN SOUTH AFRICA, CLAIMING VICTIMS AMONG THE
WORKERS AND PEOPLE THROUGH EXECUTIONS, ARBITRARY IMPRISONMENT,
MASSACRES OF PATRIOTS AND WORKERS, SUCH AS
THE CASE OF THE SOWETO BRUTAL KILLINGS IN JUNE 1976.
SUCH SYSTEMATIC REPRESSION CONTINUES THROUGH TORTURES OF
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PRISONERS AND VIOLATION OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION THROUGH BANISHMENT AND EVERY KIND OF
PERSECUTION;

DEMANDS -- IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL TRADE UNION AND
POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DETAINEES;

DENOUNCES -- THE ROLE OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES COLLABORATING
WITH THE RACIST REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA AIMED AT
PROTECTING INTERESTS AND PREVENTING THE TOTAL ABOLITION OF
THE APARTHEID SYSTEM;

RECOGNISES -- WITH SOME ADMIRATION THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE
WORKING PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR TRADE UNION ORGANISATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRADE
UNION CONFERENCE AGAINST APARTHEID;

FURTHER EXPRESSES CONCERN -- THAT A NUMBER OF UN MEMBER
STATES HAVE FAILED TO IMPLEMENT THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS
AND DECISIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH
NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS OF THE EMBARGO ON THE SALE OF ARMS AND
REFUSAL TO APPLY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA
DESPITE CONTINUED TRADE UNION PRESSURE;

CALLS -- ON THE I.L.O. THROUGH THE GOVERNING BODY TO SET
UP A COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE TO EXAMINE THE SPECIAL REPORT
OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AGAINST APARTHEID AND VIOLATION
BY MEMBER STATES OF THE U. N. AND I.L.O. RESOLUTIONS AIMED
AT TOTAL ABOLITION OF THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID;

CALLS ON GOVERNMENTS -- FOR ACTION THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS
1) TO IMPOSE MANDATORY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS;
2) TO TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES FOR AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL
ARMS EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA;
3) TO INITIATE AND INTENSIFY ANTI-APARTHEID ACTION IN ALL

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U.N. SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND TO INCREASE AID TO THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA IN COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT;

CALLS ON GOVERNMENTS TO -- 1) SEVER POLITICAL, CULTURAL, SPORT, COMMERCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT;
2) TO STOP PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT BY WITHDRAWAL OF CREDIT GUARANTEES AND LICENCES AND OTHER EFFECTIVE MEASURES;
3) TO STOP EMIGRATION OF THEIR NATIONALS TO SOUTH AFRICA;
4) TO STOP TOURISM TO SOUTH AFRICA;
5) TO INCREASE ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO THE NEIGHBOURING AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH CARRY A HEAVY BURDEN DUE TO THEIR PROXIMITY TO SOUTH AFRICA;
6) TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION, EITHER FORMALLY OR DE FACTO, TO BANTUSTANS, WHICH CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS A FACET OF APARTHEID AND CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF THE AFRICAN MAJORITY;
7) TO GIVE MATERIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, GENUINE TRADE UNIONS AND POPULAR MOVEMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA;
8) TO URGE GOVERNMENTS TO LIFT ALL IMPEDIMENTS PREVENTING TRADE UNIONS FROM PARTICIPATING IN SYMPATHY ACTIONS WITH THE WORKERS IN THE ANTI-APARTHEID STRUGGLE.

CALLS ON EMPLOYERS ORGANISATIONS -- TO ENSURE THAT THEIR MEMBERS AND ORGANISATIONS DO NOT MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND THAT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL GROUPS DO NOT EXTEND LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND COLLABORATE WITH THE APARTHEID REGIME IN ANY WAY;

STRONGLY URGES -- THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANISATIONS AND THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY ALONG WITH ALL OTHER TRADE UNION CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO INTENSIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1973 RESOLUTION PASSED

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BY THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFERENCE AGAINST APARTHEID AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND IN PARTICULAR TO PUT EMPHASIS ON:

1) CO-OPERATION WITH ALL ANTI-APARTHEID ORGANISATIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL ENSURING THAT A PROPER AND EFFECTIVE MECHANISM EXISTS FOR SUCH CO-OPERATION;
2) MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHILE COMMENDING THOSE NATIONAL

CENTRES WHICH HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PUT PRESSURE ON THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF CREDIT GUARANTEES AND LICENCES FOR INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HAVE ACTIVELY INVOLVED THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA;

3) MAXIMUM PRESSURE, WITH RECOURSE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION, ON COMPANIES INVESTING IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH DO NOT RECOGNISE AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS AND ACT IN CONTRADICTION WITH INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED LABOUR STANDARDS;

4) ECONOMIC PRESSURE AGAINST THE WHITE MINORITY REGIMES THROUGH A TOTAL BOYCOTT OF AIRPLANES, SHIPS, MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA;

5) THE ORGANISATION OF RALLIES AND INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS AMONG WORKERS SO AS TO SECURE THEIR COLLABORATION IN INDUSTRIAL ACTIONS;

6) FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO THE AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE TO ORGANISATION CAMPAIGNS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPRISONED AND RESTRICTED TRADE UNIONISTS;

7) A CAMPAIGN TO ENSURE THAT TRADE UNION MEMBERS AND ALL WORKERS DO NOT EMIGRATE TO SOUTH AFRICA AND TO BRING ABOUT THE FAILURE OF RECRUITMENT EFFORTS BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES AND EMPLOYERS;

8) TRADE UNION REPRESENTATION IN DELEGATIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALISED AGENCIES;

9) ALL MEASURES AIMED AT FURTHER ISOLATING THE RACIST REGIMES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA;

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10) AN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA

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